



Iowa Status

common; native

Iowa Range

eastern two-thirds of Iowa

Bibliography

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rosyface shiner

Notropis rubellus

Kingdom:	Animalia
Division/Phylum:	Chordata - vertebrates
Class:	Osteichthyes
Family:	Cypriniformes
Order:	Cyprinidae

Features

An adult rosyface shiner may be up to three inches long. Its body is slender and moderately flattened side to side. The large mouth is located at the tip of the snout. The lateral line (sensory organ on the side of the fish) curves slightly downward. Its back is dark olive and may have a faint stripe down the middle. Its sides are silvery with a narrow, emerald-lavender band above. The base of the dorsal fin is tinged with pink. Spawning males are tinted pink or orange. Like other native minnows, it has no scales on the head and the soft dorsal fin has fewer than 10 rays.

Natural History

The rosyface shiner is found in small streams in areas with clear water and a gravel or rubble bottom. Adults eat insects. It spawns in June or July, using the nests of other minnows.

Habitats

interior rivers and streams